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Iron ore of Salem and lignite of South Arcot

* 1172 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Madras Government discussed with the Russian Delegation about the utilization of the iron ore of Salem and the lignite of South Arcot for producing pig iron and steel?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Yes, Sir."

Shifting of the Mangalore College to Urva

* 1173 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER:—" As the hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral who gave notice of the question is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Mangalore Government Arts College Advisory Committee and the leading citizens of Mangalore for shifting the College to a more spacious site, at Urva, on the ground that the present buildings are insufficient and unsuitable; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) After an examination of the question, the proposal to transfer the Arts College to Urva was deferred."

Gundal Supply Channel, Kollegal

* 1174 *Q.*—Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM (on behalf of Sri S. C. Virupakshiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to widen and deepen the Gundal supply channel to the chain of tanks in Kollegal taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) Yes. The proposal is being investigated.

" (*b*) Rs. 2 lakhs approximate."

Installation of a steel plant

* 1175 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal for setting up an iron and steel plant in Madras State?